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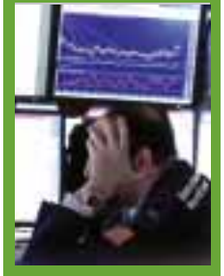

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Two fires at camp were deliberately set: Occupiers

Witness says 'intoxicated' woman has threatened to burn the camp down 'many times before'

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The Occupy Winnipeg camp at Memorial Park has seen two suspicious fires in as many days, and occupiers claim both were deliberately set by a woman known to them and police.

The first fire was discovered burning under a large white festival tent on Wednesday night. Resident Darren Chanowski said he noticed flames while walking down Osborne Street at about 10:30.

"Someone had stacked up some newspaper and lit a flame," said Chanowski, who received minor burns on one hand from putting the fire out.

Police attended the camp shortly after, responding to a call about "an intoxicated female threatening to assault people," WPS spokesperson Natalie Aitkin said. The woman was not located and there is no mention of a fire on the police report, Aitkin said.

At 5:30 a.m. on Friday, firefighters responded to another fire at the camp that destroyed a three-man dome tent. Occupier Robert Gaumond said flames were 10 feet high when he saw the fire.

He cut open the back of the tent to confirm it was empty. The same woman who was making threats on Wednesday was at the scene acting "irrational and combative," Gaumond said, and an open kerosene can was nearby.

"She's threatened to burn this place down many times before. She's well known to the police, but I don't know her last name … she's never been to one of our formal meetings," said Gaumond, who added that other occupiers told him they witnessed the woman starting Wednesday's fire.

Police say the Arson Strike Force unit is investigating, and anyone with information should report it.

SEAN LEDWICH/FOR METRO

▶ Jeffrey Kohut stacks charred boards that were the floor of his now-destroyed tent at the Occupy Winnipeg camp in Memorial Park.

Occupy Winnipeg wearing out its welcome: AG

Occupy Winnipeg protesters have a right to express themselves but safety is the top priority, Attorney General Andrew Swan says.

"Our province respects peaceful protest and peaceful demonstration," said Swan, whose constituency office was occupied last week to protest his support of the federal government's omnibus crime bill.

"But it comes with a limit. Safety and security can't be compromised."

Occupy Winnipeg is one of the few sites left across Canada. Protesters have been camped out in Memorial Park for more than a month.

As overnight temperatures dip well below zero, both city and provincial officials have said they have no plans to forcibly evict the protesters.

But some say it's time for the province to take action. Conservative MLA Kelvin Goertzen said protesters should be encouraged to leave.

"It's a public park. It's not designed for this kind of protest," he said. "I think the Occupy Winnipeg movement has run its course and it's time to make your point another way."

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Manitoba courts must join 21st century: Review

Manitoba court staff need better internal communication, more uniform training and an integrated computer system to prevent the mistaken release of prisoners, an external review recommends.

The review by an Alberta consultant was commissioned by the province after five inmates were accidentally set free in the span of four months at the beginning of the year. A convicted murderer was released just last month before being found by police.

Attorney General Andrew Swan said the mistaken release of prisoners is unacceptable, but there is no single reason for why it happens. "I can assure you if there was one simple answer, we would have fixed the problem long ago," he said Friday.

The Manitoba court system is more than a century old and much of it runs on huge reams of paperwork, Swan said. All it takes is a missing elastic band or paper clip and a prisoner can end up being set free, he said.

10 The review found Manitoba Justice documents are processed in 10 ways. Each system runs independently and the information isn't shared.

"Many of the processes still require a lot of paper and manual work, much of it completed in busy courtrooms," he said. "Even one missing piece of paper — just one piece of paper — can make an enormous difference in what happens in a case."

The review said an automated system and more staff are needed.

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Youth. Against violence

▶ The Aboriginal Youth Opportunities (AYO) group met on Friday at the bell tower on Selkirk Avenue to raise awareness about youth and violence in the city's North End.

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Hands of hope against city's violence

The Hands of Hope rally had about 100 attendees including Coun. Ross Eady and Burrows MLA Melanie Wight. A drum circle was held after attendees shared their experiences, followed by a march down Selkirk Avenue.

Lawyer wins St. Vital riding

20.2 per cent of eligible voters cast ballot Replaces Gord Steeves, who left to run in provincial election

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After six months without representation, St. Vital woke up yesterday morning with a new city councillor after Saturday night's byelection. Brian Mayes won his seat with 3,623 votes, beating his closest rival Mike Ducharme by 1,394 votes.

The St. Vital lawyer ran against Ducharme on a platform of updating infrastructure in St. Vital, enhancing parks and community centres, providing more funding for the arts, opposing privatization of city water services and arenas, and enhancing public safety. He also wants to see more money put into the Save Our Seine initiative and implementation of his youth volunteer program, City-Year.

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▶ Brian Mayes

Mayes, an NDP member, stated on his website he will not be representing any political party or team at city council.

Running alongside Mayes in the election were 10 other candidates. This was the first time a weekend byelection was held in Winnipeg.

Trustees elected

- Colleen Mayer is Louis Riel School Division's newest trustee with a win on Saturday with 976 votes, beating Jeremiah Kopp by 159.
- Only 20.97 per cent of voters turned out to cast their ballots for trustee.
- An even more dismal voter turnout was recorded for Winnipeg School Division with only 6.05 per cent voting, leading to a win for Mark Wasyliw with 1,018 votes, beating Colleen McFadden by 99 votes.

Temporary library closure

River Heights Library at 1520 Corydon Ave. will close temporarily on Dec. 1 for structural repairs related to the floor in the vestibule.

The Library will reopen at 10 a.m. on Dec. 2.

The book return will remain open during the closure.

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Manitoba Tories to choose new leader

Manitoba's Progressive Conservatives say they'll choose a new leader at a convention next fall.

The provincial Opposition says all party members will be able to cast ballots in a one-member, one-vote selection process that will take place Oct. 27, 2012, in Winnipeg.

The date was set by the party's executive council at a meeting on Saturday.

Current leader Hugh McFadyen announced on election night last month that he would resign.

McFadyen says he will stay on until the party chooses a new leader.

The party says it is still working out details like the venue for the convention, as well as how it will accommodate voting in different areas of the province.

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▶ A crowd of shoppers wait outside the Target store in Lisbon, Conn., as it opens for Black Friday shopping at midnight on Friday. With online shopping on the rise, these customers may be a little more comfortable, and warm, in their pajamas next year.

Black Friday online sales surge 26%

ComScore reports Thanksgiving sales also up sharply ◐ Next up is Cyber Monday ◐ Record sales expected

U.S. online retailers reported an even stronger start to the holiday shopping season than brick-and-mortar stores.

Research firm comScore reported on Sunday that e-commerce spending jumped 26 per cent on Black Friday, the day after the Thanksgiving holiday, compared with the same day a year ago. ComScore reported $816 million in online sales for the day, up from $648 million.

The 26 per cent growth rate for online sales compares with a seven per cent retail sales increase reported for Black Friday by ShopperTrak, which gathers data from individual stores and shopping malls. At $11.4 billion, the brick-and-mortar sales total still dwarfs the online total.

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comScore said 50 million Americans visited online retail sites on Black Friday, up 35 per cent from a year ago. Each of the top five retail sites reported double-digit gains in visitors, in percentage terms, led by top retail site Amazon.

Gian Fulgoni, comScore chairman, said in a statement that e-commerce enjoyed a banner day, despite some analysts' predictions that early store openings on Black Friday could hurt online sales.

"With brick-and-mortar retail also reporting strong gains on Black Friday, it's clear that the heavy promotional activity had a positive impact on both channels," Fulgoni said.

Thanksgiving is also a big day for online sales, and comScore reported an 18 per cent increase this year compared with a year ago, with $479 million in sales. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

40 missing in Indonesia bridge collapse

Police say rescuers are searching for about 40 missing people after a bridge collapsed in central Indonesia, sending vehicles crashing into a river below. At least four people are confirmed dead.

Officials say repairmen were tightening bolts Saturday on the bridge when a steel support cable snapped. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kent to play hardball at climate talks

Environment Minister Peter Kent says he is prepared to play some hardball with developing and emerging countries at global climate talks that start in South Africa today.

Kent says all countries need to commit to a global pact to cut emissions, and be ready to prove their progress to the rest of the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PMO wants royal portrait returned

The prime minister called and he wants his picture of the Queen back.

That was the sum of a pointed note from Prime Minister Stephen Harper's officials to Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's department after a portrait was borrowed for the visit of Prince William and Kate last June.

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Wild finds as floods recede in Thailand

Murky floodwaters are receding from Bangkok's inundated outskirts to reveal some scary swamp dwellers who moved in while flooded residents were moving out — including crocodiles and some of the world's most poisonous snakes.

Special teams from the Thai Fishery Department have responded to numerous reports of reptilian menaces, like the three-foot-long croc that Anchalee Wannawet saw sitting next to the outhouse one morning, its toothy jaw wide open.

"I ran away, and it ran into there," the 23-year-old said, pointing toward the reedy swamp behind the construction site where she works in Bangkok's northern Sai Mai district. "I haven't dared to go the bathroom since. I'm peeing in a can."

Thailand has long been a centre for the breeding, exporting and trafficking of exotic animals, especially crocodiles. Farmed both legally and illegally, crocs are popular because of the value they fetch for their meat, bones and especially their skins, used to make luxury bags and accessories.

This year's record monsoon rains, which killed more than 600 people, also swamped some of the country's estimated 3,000 crocodile farms.

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Reptilian reality

▶ Only about five to 10 per cent of reports turn out to be true, said Praphan Lipayakun, a fishery department official, adding that many false reports end up being large monitor lizards, which are generally shy and harmless.

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▶ Residents pull boats through a flooded street near Bangkok on Saturday.

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India shows its colours at Pride

The parade was to protest daily harassment, violence and discrimination faced by the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transgender community despite a Delhi High Court ruling in 2009 decriminalizing same-sex behaviour among consenting adults.

Egypt 'at a crossroads'

Military ruler issues warning on eve of vote Governing council has come under intense criticism since taking over from Mubarak in February

On the eve of landmark elections, Egypt's military ruler warned yesterday of "extremely grave" consequences if the turbulent nation does not pull through its current crisis — an attempt to rally the public behind his council of generals in the face of pressure from protesters to step down immediately.

Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi urged voters to turn out for the start of parliamentary elections today despite the chaos in the streets after nine days of protests and clashes that some have dubbed a "second revolution." The vote is the first since Hosni Mubarak was ousted in February in a popular uprising.

Tantawi claimed "foreign hands" were behind the latest wave of unrest. His assertions were similar to those made by Mubarak before he was ousted. Tantawi was Mubarak's defence minister for 20 years.

"We will not allow troublemakers to meddle in the elections," he said in comments carried by the nation's official news agency. "Egypt is at a crossroads — either we succeed politically, economically and socially or the consequences will be extremely grave and we will not allow that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Parliamentary candidate Baheya Mohammed wears a niqab, an Islamic face veil, as she talks to voters in Cairo yesterday.

Election woes

The political crisis casts doubt on the legitimacy of the vote and could render the parliament that emerges irrelevant.

- The Muslim Brotherhood, the largest and best organized political group in Egypt, is expected to dominate the elections along with its Islamist allies.
- However, the military has said the next parliament will have limited powers, and suggested that it will retain the right to appoint and dismiss the cabinet.
- The issue promises to put the military and the Brotherhood on a collision course.

Putin to West: No meddling

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▶ Putin

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin sternly warned the West not to interfere in Russia's elections, as he launched his campaign to reclaim the presidency in a speech yesterday before thousands of flag-waving supporters.

Putin stepped down in 2008 after two presidential terms, but kept his hold on power. He announced in September that he intended to return to the top job next year and was formally nominated yesterday by his United Russia party.

"All our foreign partners need to understand this: Russia is a democratic country, it's a reliable and predictable partner with which they can and must reach agreement, but on which they cannot impose anything from the outside," Putin told his audience. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Students detained in Cairo back in the U.S.

An American student arrested during protests in Cairo says he feared for his life after he was taken into custody by four or five people in plainclothes.

Nineteen-year-old Derrik Sweeney told The Associated Press in an interview yesterday via Skype that the evening of his arrest on Nov. 20 started peacefully in Tahrir Square, where protesters have been gathering for more than a week.

He says he and others later wandered through the streets to the Interior Ministry but fled when shots were fired.

He says four or five "plainclothes Egyptians" then offered to lead the students to safety. He says they followed but found themselves taken into custody, beaten and threatened with guns.

Sweeney and the other two students flew back to the U.S. on Saturday after a court ordered them released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arab League cuts ties with Syria over violent crackdown

In an unprecedented move against an Arab nation, the Arab League yesterday approved economic sanctions on Syria to pressure Damascus to end its deadly suppression of an eight-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad.

But even as world leaders abandon Assad, the regime has refused to ease a military assault on dissent that already has killed more than 3,500 people. Yesterday, Damascus slammed the sanctions as a betrayal of Arab solidarity and insisted a foreign conspiracy was behind the revolt, all but assuring more bloodshed will follow.

At a news conference in Cairo, Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim said 19 of the League's 22 member nations approved a series of tough punishments that include cutting off transactions with the Syrian central bank, halting Arab government funding for projects in Syria and freezing government assets. Those sanctions are to take effect immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4, stable after being shot

Police in Manitoba say a four-year-old girl has been shot, apparently after her five-year-old brother got ahold of a firearm.

Police say the shooting occurred on Saturday in a home in the Rural Municipality of Whitewater, south of Brandon. They say the girl was transported to hospital in Winnipeg, where she is reported to be in stable condition.

The shooting comes three weeks after a nine-year-old boy was accidentally shot and killed by his 14-year-old brother on the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba. THE CANADIAN PRESS

L.A. pepper spray suspect surrenders

A woman suspected of showering Black Friday shoppers with pepper spray surrendered to authorities, but was released pending further investigation after she refused to discuss the incident, police said Saturday.

The woman, whose name was not released, is suspected of firing pepper spray into a crowd in order to clear a path to a crate of Xbox consoles that were being unwrapped late Thanksgiving night at a Wal-Mart in the upscale Porter Ranch section of the San Fernando Valley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A man reads newspapers inside the Library of Parliament in Ottawa in 2010.

Libraries flourish in ebook era

Report says library usage is up across Canada Ebooks offer patrons benefits over traditional books But libraries threatened by budget cuts

Despite the rise of smart phones and ebook readers, many Canadian libraries are busier than ever. And the renaissance may be due in part to the very technology that was expected to threaten their existence.

Across the country, library usage is up 45 per cent over the past decade, from 16.6 to 24.1 transactions on average per capita, according to a recent report prepared by Lumos Research for the Canadian Urban Libraries Council.

Much of that growth has been driven by digital information.

The use of electronic databases more than doubled, and Internet visits to library websites and catalogues grew five-fold in that period, according to the report.

At many libraries, there are now ebooks and electronic audiobooks available for download to compatible e-readers, computers, MP3 players and smartphones, as well as music and movies.

The key to a library's success, said Guy Berthiaume, director of Montreal's Grande Bibliotheque, is to adapt with the times.

The library now has 200,000 ebook titles available with plans for more on the way.

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Study casts doubt on tougher sentences

More than half of convicted impaired drivers tend to reoffend despite severity of sentence, report finds

An internal report by the federal Justice Department raises doubts about the effectiveness of harsher sentences, the linchpin of the Tory government's tough-on-crime policies.

The study examined almost 3,300 people convicted of an impaired-driving offence, and found 57 per cent of them offended again at least once, within five years on average.

And the severity of the first sentence had no impact on the behaviour of repeat offenders.

"There was no evidence to suggest that the imposition of a fine or imprisonment had any effect on the likelihood of whether an offender would re-offend or not," the author concludes.

"This indicates that the severity of the sentence received did not deter offenders in this sample.

"Reconviction rates for all individuals were similar regardless of the sentence received for the initial impaired driving conviction."

The research was delivered in July this year, more than three years after the Conservative government passed a tough law that imposed harsher fines and jail sentences, including mandatory minimums, for impaired-driving convictions.

A spokeswoman for the department provided no details about why the research was ordered. But the review follows the passage in 2008 of an omnibus bill, the Tackling Violent Crime Act, which revamped penalties for drunk driving, among other tough-on-crime measures.

The minimum fine for a first impaired-driving offence was raised to $1,000 from $600, for example, and the minimum penalty for a second offence increased to 30 days in jail from 14.

The minimum for subsequent offences was hiked to 120 days from 90 days. And for summary convictions, with no jury trial, the maximum jail time shot to 18 months from six.

Recidivism report

- The Canadian Press obtained a copy of the study, Recidivism Among Impaired Drivers by Andre Solecki, under the Access to Information Act. The research covers the period from 1977 to 2006.
- The study is among dozens of internal reports on the justice system prepared each year by department researchers but never published or made public.

Conservative crime policies have come under fire from critics who claim the government ignores evidence-based research to seek political gain among Canadians who lack faith in the justice system.

A spokesman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving said the study's findings about the large number of reoffending drivers is at odds with other research, which suggests only about 30 per cent are convicted again.

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▶ RCMP Const. Faz Majid removes an open bottle of beer from a motorist's car during a roadside check in Surrey, B.C.

Prince William joins rescue of cargo ship

Prince William joined a frantic search-and-rescue mission yesterday after a cargo ship sank in the Irish Sea, leaving several members of the Russian crew missing.

The second in line to the British throne, who is a Royal Air Force helicopter and known professionally as Flight Lt. William Wales, was aboard an aircraft that rescued two crew members early yesterday, after their vessel's hull cracked in gale-force winds off the coast of north Wales.

Britain's defence ministry said William had been co-pilot of the helicopter, which carried two people back to his base RAF Valley, on the Welsh island of Anglesey.

Authorities said five people remain missing after the Cook Islands-registered Swanland cargo ship, which had eight people on board and was carrying thousands of tonnes of limestone, sent a mayday call.

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▶ Prince William at a training exercise in Prince Edward Island in July.

Holyhead Coastguard said one body had been recovered from the sea, but that the fate of the other crew members was not yet known.

"We know that at least some of them are wearing immersion suits and have strobe lighting with them; however sea conditions are challenging at best," said Jim Green, a coast guard spokesman.

Rescue helicopters from RAF Valley and from Dublin coast guard base in Ireland were initially sent to the scene, about 32 kilometres northwest of the Llyn peninsula in north Wales.

Helicopters from RAF Chivenor, in southwest England, and the Irish Coast Guard are continuing to search for the missing crew, along with boats from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

"Two RNLI lifeboats, along with four search-and-rescue helicopters and two other commercial boats, are searching for the remaining six crew," the RNLI said in a statement.

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Stormy seas

- Gale force winds battered the Irish Sea yesterday and the coast guard said it is believed the poor conditions could have caused the incident.

Inmate slams governor for halting execution

A condemned inmate who was scheduled to be executed next month is slamming Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber for giving him a reprieve, saying the governor didn't have the guts to carry out the execution.

Two-time murderer Gary Haugen had voluntarily given up his legal challenges, saying he wanted to be executed.

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Mexican zombie walk aims for record

Almost 10,000 people dressed in rags gathered in Mexico's capital for a Zombie Walk that organizers hoped would set a world record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Body identified as man who answered online ad

A body found in a shallow grave in northeast Ohio was identified Saturday as that of a missing man whose father said answered a Craigslist ad similar to one police say was used in a deadly robbery scheme.

The Summit County Medical Examiner's Office identified the man as Timothy Kern, 47, of Massillon.

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Church conflict locks out members

Issues over reverend's leadership leads to congregation being shut out of St. Giles' sanctuary

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On the first Sunday of Advent, the small Ottawa congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church worshipped in the basement, locked out of the sanctuary by the presbytery.

"It doesn't matter where we worship, as long we worship as a community," Rev. Wayne Menard said after the service yesterday.

A group of church members signed a petition objecting to Menard's leadership and asking for his removal. As a result, the presbytery locked the doors of the sanctuary until the congregation "repents," Menard confirmed.

"The whole thing is a mess, and I don't understand why."
MURDO MURCHISON, CHURCHGOER

According to Menard, the problem is more nuanced and complex than reported in local media. He said that out of concern for the congregation, he doesn't want to speak about what led to the basement service.

People from other churches came to the service yesterday to show support for the congregation. The roughly 40 people at the service yesterday was a good turnout, Menard said.

Churchgoers who spoke after the service said they were concerned the rift would impact the future of the church.

"I think there's a real risk that people will go to other churches," said Claudia Chowaniec, as she left the church. "I think we're a family. I think we've all made mistakes."

Murdo Murchison said he was worried that the problems would harm attendance at the church, but added that having to worship in the basement didn't bother him.

"What troubles me is the closing of the church and the indefinite reasons," he said. The issues leading to the lockout have not been explained well enough, he said.

Calgary. Windstorm

▶ Debris litters the ground in downtown Calgary yesterday.

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Blowing through town

Winds nearing 150 km/h tore pieces of glass and other materials off the TD Square building in Calgary yesterday. Debris rained down from as high as 40 storeys.

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▶ Environment activists, from left, Fritz Pothmer, Georg Janssen, Hanna Schwarz and Heiko Mueller-Ripke sit chained to a pyramid-shaped concrete structure on train tracks near Hitzacker, Germany, yesterday in protest of a nuclear-waste shipment. It took police several hours to unchain the protesters.

Protesters target tracks to stop nuclear waste

Nuclear energy unpopular in Germany since 1986 Chornobyl disaster Annual shipment controversial

German police cleared a sit-in of thousands of protesters attempting to block a shipment of nuclear waste and detained 1,300 people yesterday, officials said.

Hundreds of officers started evicting protesters from the rail lines near Dannenberg, police spokesman Stefan Kuehm-Stoltz said. Those who refused to leave were detained and are being brought before judges.

Police put the number of protesters at 3,500 while protest organizers said 5,000 people had occupied the tracks that will be used to transport 11 containers of nuclear waste reprocessed in France and now on its way to a storage site near the northern town of Gorleben. Activists say the containers and the temporary storage facility are unsafe.

150 Activists say some 150 people were injured as police used tear gas and batons during some protests over the weekend.

Police also clashed with two groups of protesters that hurled stones and fireworks at officers. Several officers were injured and at least 10 people detained.

The train carrying the shipment entered Germany on Friday after delays in France, where activists damaged railway tracks. The shipment was expected to reach its destination late yesterday or early today. Some 20,000 German police officers are on hand to secure the cargo.

Germany has not yet decided where nuclear waste, which remains radioactive for thousands of years, should be stored permanently. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DNA barcoding catches food fraudsters, IDs ancient animals

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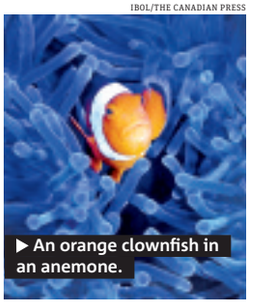

▶ An orange clownfish in an anemone.

Scientists have discovered a range of new uses for a Canadian technology that can be used to peer into 30,000-year-old permafrost, detect phoney herbal medicines and catch invasive species before they sneak across borders.

Researchers from around the world are "fingerprinting" most of the planet's species by taking samples of their DNA and cataloguing them in a reference library. The DNA creates a so-called barcode that identifies real ingredients in food, quickly analyzes water quality and reveals how the environment has changed over millenia.

Bob Hanner, a professor at the University of Guelph where the technique was developed in 2003, said barcoding gives governments, businesses and people a reliable way of knowing what they're eating, importing and buying.

"We have a very powerful tool to identify species in processed products that you wouldn't normally be able to identify using traditional morphological techniques," he said. "It's a very exciting time."

Researchers are steadily building the library of barcodes by taking short gene sequences from samples of birds, fish, mammals, insects and other life forms at herbaria, museums and other facilities. In 2005, there were 33,000 records covering 12,700 species in the Barcode of Life Data Systems at the University of Guelph. Now there are almost 1.4 million records banked, representing roughly 167,000 known and provisional species. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Put to use ...

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration uses the tool to identify mislabelled cheap fish being sold at American restaurants.
- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency uses to identify seafood, pest insects and pathogenic fungi.
- Environment Canada uses it to measure species diversity in watersheds and identify materials they've confiscated.

Blogger leaks testimony in UK hacking inquiry

Britain's inquiry into media ethics says it has summoned a political blogger to testify after evidence due to be submitted by Tony Blair's ex-communications chief was leaked.

The inquiry, led by senior judge Brian Leveson, said Sunday it would call Paul Staines, who blogs under the name Guido Fawkes. His blog yesterday published a 16-page document that Blair's former press chief Alistair Campbell was due to submit as evidence ahead of a hearing on Wednesday.

Campbell wrote on his Twitter page that he had been "genuinely shocked" that his testimony leaked.

In the document, he discusses fears that the cellphones of Blair's wife Cherie, or one of her friends, may have been hacked, acknowledging he does not have evidence to support that fear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former roommates now the yin and yang of Greece

In an old black-and-white photograph, one wore long hair and a rakish moustache, the other thick-rimmed glasses.

Children of pedigree, they shared a dorm at an American university. Forty years later, as political rivals at the height of the Greek crisis, George Papandreou — until recently prime minister — and Antonis Samaras symbolize the split personality of a nation with roots in left and right, chaos and greatness.

The sparring between the leaders of Greece's two main political parties is over for now. But the forces they represent will clash in elections as early as February, shaping the next chapter of a society on Europe's edge whose strife has an outsized impact on continental union, as well as the global economy.

The left-leaning Papandreou and the conservative Samaras are the yin and yang of modern Greece, heirs to historical divisions and symbols of interlocking currents of reform and tradition.

"Let's face it, power is a delirium. It's something that can make you turn on your friends," said Philip Tsiaras, who knew both men in college.

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▶ Greece's former prime minister George Papandreou, left, speaks next to conservative opposition leader Antonis Samara after their meeting in Athens on Oct. 18.

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▶ Papandreou, front left, Tsiaras, front right, Samara, right, and Stefanos Emmanouilides back left, in 1973.

Bickering in the Greek parliament has vexed international lenders who want unity of purpose from Greece where many chafe at foreign directives and doubt the benefits of harsh bailout terms.

The coalition government, a compromise reached by the two men, must present a compelling "narrative" that convinces Greeks that their leaders are acting in their best interests, not those of their power blocs, said Louka Katseli, a former Cabinet minister in Papandreou's government. "The simplistic view that a coalition government will solve everything is an illusion," Katseli said.

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News in brief

Eurozone needs 'overhaul': Minister

DEBT. An "overhaul" of European treaties is needed to help restore market confidence in the eurozone's ability to reduce high state debt and deficits, the French budget minister said yesterday.

Valerie Pecresse said a new governance pact among eurozone members could include "real regulators, real sanctions" to help restore confidence in the currency union.

Speaking on Canal Plus TV, she said the eurozone's biggest economies — France, Germany and Italy — want to be the "motor" of a more integrated Europe. Pecresse said each country must rid itself of the debt and deficit problems that are behind the continent's deepening debt crisis.

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Testimony in UK hacking inquiry leaked

EVIDENCE. Britain's inquiry into media ethics says it has summoned a political blogger to testify after evidence due to be submitted by Tony Blair's ex-communications chief was leaked. The inquiry said yesterday it would call Paul Staines. His blog published a 16-page document that Blair's former press chief Alistair Campbell was due to submit as evidence. In the document, Campbell discusses fears that the cellphones of Blair's wife Cherie, or one of her friends, may have been hacked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manufacturing tariffs slashed

- Part of a grand plan to foster job growth: Flaherty
- 70 different products will soon be tariff free

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▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty addresses the Canadian Club of Toronto as he delivers a sobering economic forecast in Toronto on Friday.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is eliminating $32 million in annual tariffs on some of the goods used in Canadian manufacturing.

The move means Canadian manufacturers will no longer have to pay customs duties to import key inputs used in food processing, furniture and transportation equipment.

Flaherty says yesterday's announcement is just the latest step in the government's 2010 commitment to make Canada a tariff-free zone for industrial manufacturers. "By lowering costs for these businesses, we are enhancing their ability to compete in domestic and foreign markets and helping them invest and create jobs here at home," he said in a press release.

The list of products soon to be tariff-free include apple juice concentrate, hardware for furniture, parts used to make trailers and transport equipment, gelatin capsules for pharmaceuticals, and conveyor belts.

Since 2009, the government says it has eliminated tariffs on 1,800 products, saving business $435 million a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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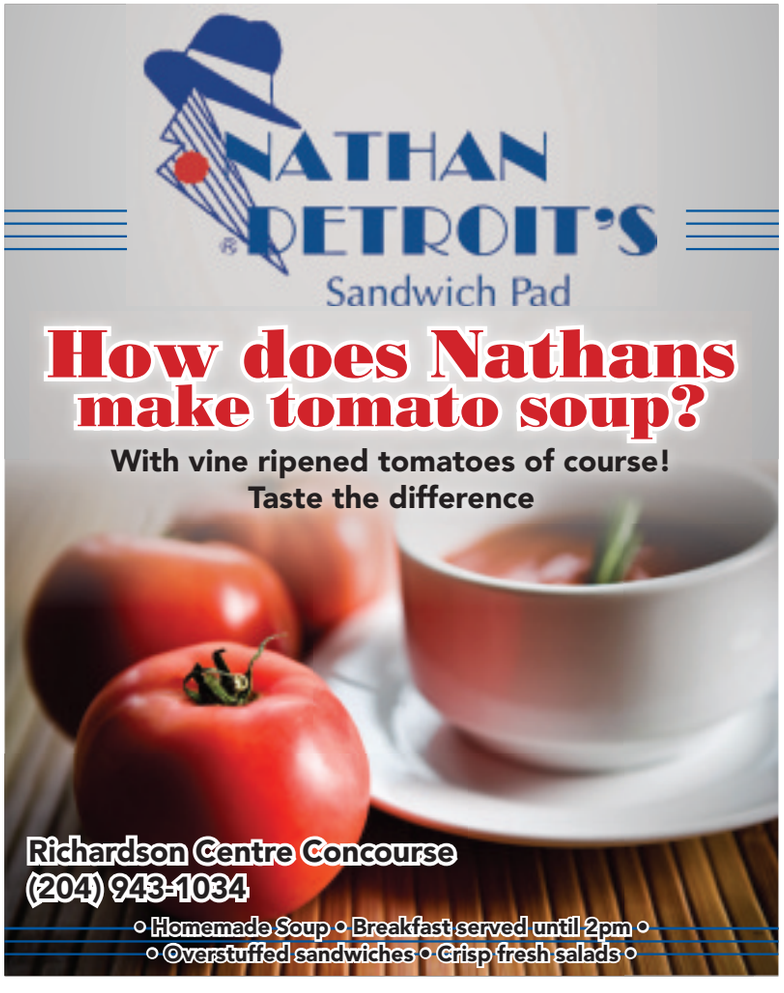
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U.K., Canada in bed on oilsands: Report

A British media report says the U.K. government has been giving secret support at the very highest levels to Ottawa's campaign against European penalties on its oilsands fuel, prompting environmentalists to call Britain Canada's "partner in crime."

The Guardian newspaper says energy giants Shell and BP, which both have major oilsands projects in Alberta, have been lobbying the government of Prime Minister David Cameron to back Canada's fight against the European proposal.

According to documents released under freedom of information laws, at least 15 high-level meetings and frequent communications have taken place since September between Ottawa and London.

The European proposal is to designate transport fuel from tar sands as resulting in 22 per cent more greenhouse gas emissions than that from conventional fuels, officially labelling Alberta's oilsands fuel as dirtier.

Ahead of the European vote to approve the fuel quality regulations on Friday, British Foreign Secretary William Hague offered support to the Harper government, sending an "immediate action" cable in September to the U.K. embassies in Canada asking "to communicate our position and seek Canadian views on what might be acceptable."

The Guardian says the U.K. and Canada's shared opposition to the European plan puts the U.K. in a minority among EU countries and will be deeply embarrassing as a new round of global negotiations on tackling climate change begins in Durban, South Africa on today.

The Guardian report is based on documents obtained by the Co-operative — a U.K. mutual business group that targets tar sands as part of its climate change campaigning.

"It is very disappointing that the U.K. government is supporting Canada's efforts and we hope it has a rethink and puts tackling climate change ahead of Canada's trade interests when it comes to vote on the European commission's commonsense proposal," Colin Baines, toxic fuels campaign manager at the Co-operative told the Guardian.

Bill McKibben, a U.S. environmentalist who was arrested in August protesting against TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline, said the U.K. seems to have emerged as "Canada's partner in crime." "This will be among the biggest single environmental decisions the Cameron government makes," he said.

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CHOOSING THE BEST SPOT TO MAKE A STATEMENT

URBAN COMPASS

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"Location, location, location" is the old axiom in real estate marketing, but a few local examples this past week showed the same thinking applies to attracting, or avoiding, attention from the media or public.

First up is the group from Occupy Winnipeg, who have been raising fears the provincial government is getting ready to kick them out of Memorial Park. Problem is that there's little evidence to support that theory, beyond a few emails from provincial officials suggesting health-and-safety improvements.

I can't say I blame the occupiers for courting controversy, though.

While many Occupy camps across North America have been shut down after dramatic showdowns with police, the Winnipeg site has been largely ignored after some initial curiosity from the public.

"Try occupying Hu's Asian Bistro, which will once again be the site of the mayor's annual free holiday dinner."

Of course, that's what happens when you pick a location that sits vacant all winter long. If the occupiers had instead put down their tent pegs at the Legislative Building, Air Canada Park or Old Market Square, they could have been far more successful at provoking the public, big business and the government.

As it stands now, the occupiers will likely be free to stay until the spring, or until they get cold and bored. My money's on the latter.

Now if the protesters really want to get in the faces of those in power, then perhaps they should try occupying Hu's Asian Bistro, which will once again be the site of the mayor's annual free holiday dinner for city councillors and department heads.

While I'm sure Hu's cooks up a fine kung pao chicken, the problem here is that the restaurant also happens to be owned by the mayor. And the meal is being paid for by the taxpayer.

Many people have deservedly asked why the city's power brokers are getting a free holiday party in the first place. It's a good question, but odds are the entire story could have been avoided if the mayor had picked one of the thousand or so other local restaurants that he doesn't own.

Better yet, he could have made a donation to a soup kitchen and organized councillors to serve up some holiday cheer to those who really need it. Or invited the directors of local non-profit groups to share dinner and talk about their organizations with city staff.

Alternatively, I can think of some folks in Memorial Park who could probably use a warm meal about now.

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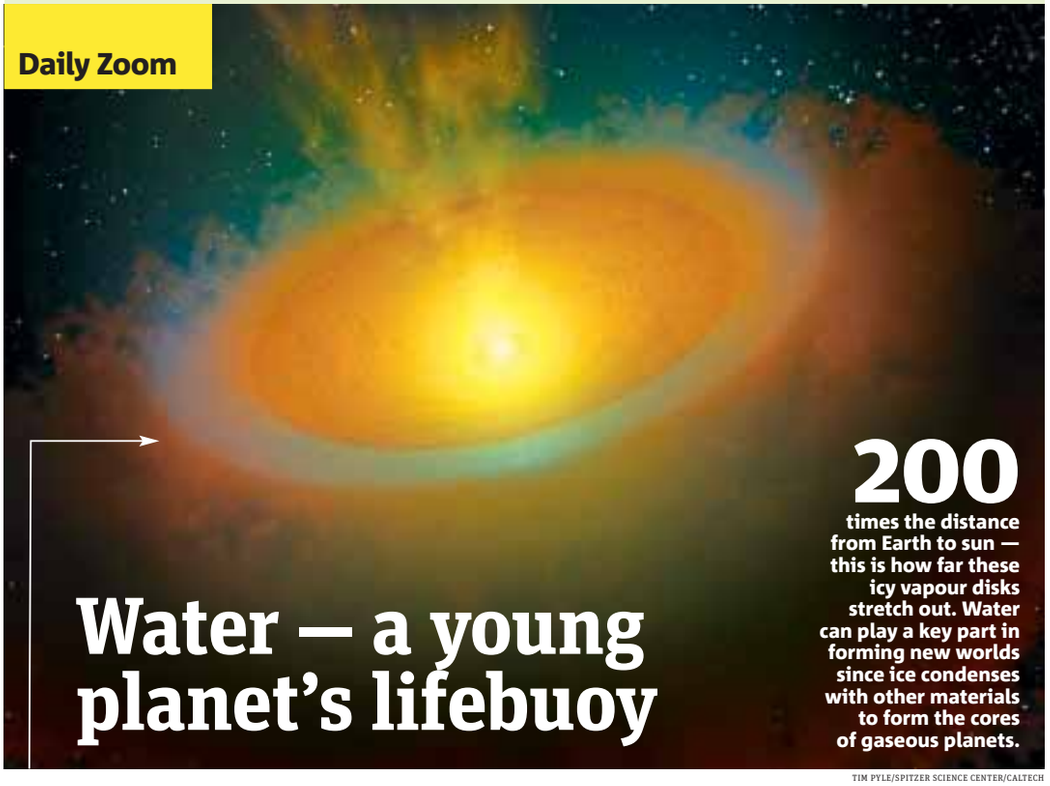
Local tweets

- **@travelersnotes:** Leaving Canada in a few minutes. #Winnipeg is a great city and has much to see. I'll post the link for my video soon. #travel #Manitoba
- **@heyitspaul:** Whoa, a real airport and a real hockey team in 2 months? Did Winnipeg just become a real city while I wasn't looking?
- **@ElementsMgr:** A dog sled just went by my house. #wolseley #winnipeg
- **@danadane544:** @PaulLa- Police good luck today! Win or lose Winnipeg is proud of you guys for making it!!! #gobombersgo #GREYCUP2011
- **@Sweet_Willie:** @baxtersmith I'm just not sure who I'm rooting for. The cocky bastards from Winnipeg, or the arseholes from BC.
- **@JasminFace:** Small, small, very small world...or maybe that's just Winnipeg.
- **@bruins22:** Best part about Thrashers moving to Winnipeg is it means another team for double anthems.
- **@blackeyedsuzies:** Good morning, #Winnipeg! Unfortunately, we're not big enough for the both of us, so we have to be off! It was a slice...ciao!

Daily Zoom



Water — a young planet's lifebuoy

200 times the distance from Earth to sun — this is how far these icy vapour disks stretch out. Water can play a key part in forming new worlds since ice condenses with other materials to form the cores of gaseous planets.

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Halo of water, celestial sight

CONSTELLATION H2O. This ring of water vapour, enough to fill several thousand Earth oceans, has given U.S. experts a clue to the origins of our planet's seas. The water around the star TW Hydrae could form into icy comets and eventually collide with young planets, bringing with it the ingredients for life. MWN

"This research tells us that the key materials that life needs are present in a system before planets are born. We can directly detect this."

PROF. TED BERGIN, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, LEAD AUTHOR OF STUDY

Is our neighbour copying us?

EVOLUTION. The TW Hydrae star, in the constellation of Hyda, is 10 million years old and our closest solar-system-to-be neighbour, being "only" 175 light years from Earth. Many young star systems could have similar disks and, therefore, the potential to develop watery planets and thus be able to host alien life. MWN

How it might work

- **Collision and formation.** Over several million years, disks could collide and form planets and cosmic bodies.
- **Balls of ice.** Dust and ice particles could merge to create icy comets.
- **Creation of new oceans.** Comets could crash onto planets to form vast seas.

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Documentary connects Elvis to Metallica ... to Nickelback? Premiered Friday on MuchMore

The target audience for the 11-part documentary series Metal Evolution is a pretty specific head-banging demographic that's already familiar with the history of the heavy genre from AC/DC to Metallica and Zakk Wylde.

And yet the Canadian-made show has landed screen time on MuchMore, which has the likes of Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Britney Spears topping its current chart of videos.

Show co-creators Sam Dunn and Scot McFadyen say it was a lot easier to sell this series (which first began airing in the U.S. on VH1 Classic) than it was to get buyers' attention with their first big project, the documentary Metal: A Headbanger's Journey.

Dunn and McFadyen say they've proven there's a sizable audience for serious programming about heavy metal and how it's affected and been affected by other music genres.

"When we told people we wanted to make a serious film about heavy metal (seven years ago) we got laughed out of a lot of boardrooms, people didn't really think it was something that could be done and actually could engage an audience," Dunn says.

"Nickelback is a band people like to bash but they are great performers and they do kind of come out of that grunge influence and build on it"

SCOT MCFADYEN, CO-CREATOR OF METAL EVOLUTION

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▶ Metallica's singer James Hetfield performs on Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates last month.

"VH1 Classic has been really supportive of our work in the U.S. and I think they recognized that provided you can kind of tie in a lot of the classic bands, like Kiss and Aerosmith and Van Halen, and touch on some of the more recent bands, they recognize there's an audience out there."

The idea for the show, co-produced by MuchMore and VH1 Classic, was based on the reaction to a family tree of heavy metal that the filmmaking duo presented in their first documentary, charting how the music of Elvis Presley, the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix connected to the various metal subgenres of today.

"There were a lot of people we were really excited to interview, some unlikely characters for a series about heavy metal," Dunn says, giving Dick Dale, the '60s-era King of the Surf Guitar, as a prime example.

Another somewhat unlikely connection to heavy metal — which the filmmakers are expecting may cause a bit of a kerfuffle with fans of the genre — is the much-maligned best-selling rockers Nickelback.

The band is profiled during an episode about the aftermath of the grunge movement in the '90s and how the likes of Nirvana, Alice in Chains, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden influenced hard rock.

"Grunge is a good example of those musical styles where half the people you ask will say it's totally metal and the other half will say it's got nothing to do with metal," says Dunn.

"That's really the question we ask in that episode, is grunge part of the story of metal?" If it is, it's hard to dispute Nickelback isn't part of the conversation, given that the band began dominating the radiowaves in the years after grunge's demise.

"This show is about the evolution of sound and who did those grunge bands influence? Really, the next generation are bands like Nickelback, Creed and Silverchair, all these bands that came up in the late '90s that had hallmarks of the grunge sound but were creating something a little more mainstream, a little more radio-friendly," says Dunn.

It was impossible to ignore Nickelback's impact on hard rock music, McFadyen says, even if metal fans think the band is the antithesis of what they're into.

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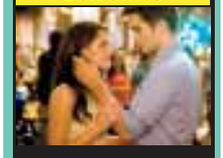
Box office



The latest Twilight movie has plenty of daylight left with a second-straight win at the weekend box office. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 took in $42 million domestically over the three-day weekend and $62.3 million in the five-day U.S. Thanksgiving boom time from Wednesday to yesterday.

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India hooked to Tamil song that's become an Internet sensation

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Miley Cyrus: Party in the USA, indeed

Singer's friends get her a Bob Marley-shaped cake for her 19th birthday A number of dwarfs, including a mini-Nicki Minaj, attend the star-studded party

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It looks like Miley Cyrus has yet another alter-ego: Let's call this one Hannah Bong-tana, shall we?

When she was presented with a Bob Marley-shaped cake at her 19th birthday party at the Roosevelt Hotel in L.A. last week, Cyrus quipped, "You know you're a stoner when friends make you a Bob Marley cake — you know you smoke way too much f—in' weed." (The Daily has the video evidence.)

"I thought salvia was your problem, man?" retorted guest Kelly Osbourne.

The Daily also reports that guests on hand for the party included her parents, Rumer Willis, and "and a number of dwarfs, including a mini-Nicki Minaj."

I'd make a joke but 1. Osbourne already did it for me. 2. A mini-Nicki Minaj? I have much too much respect for how Cyrus throws a party to poke fun.

▶ Miley Cyrus

Celebrity tweets

Is it my imagination, or is everyone talking much faster than they used to on CNN?

@BetteMidler

@russellcrowe

3 hour walk and talk with a great friend. Most of the world's problems solved. I hope you all have a spectacular day.

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3 life

Are toys good for kids?

The toy industry uses aggressive marketing to sell 'educational' toys to parents and children Will your kids learn anything from these gadgets? Or will a simple box do?

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This time of year, parents spend billions on toys and toy companies spend millions advertising their latest toys and gadgets to kids. With toy manufacturers selling so-called "educational" toys — this year top sellers include junior tablets — what's really best for kids?

"The marketplace has been doing a marvellous job of telling parents that unless you buy the right toys for your children — that is to say, the toys they manufacture — they will be stunted intellectually. It leads parents to buy toys that really aren't ideal," says Dr. Roberta Golinkoff, psychology professor at the University of Delaware and author of A Mandate for Playful Learning in Preschool and Einstein Never Used Flash Cards.

"People in my job have done a lousy job of educating the public about what matters in child development. A lot of parents are buying, for example, expensive electronic toys that have really questionable benefits."

Research shows that kids learn from play, not toys. Parents should be wary of toys marketed as educational — in fact shockingly few toys of any type are developed in consultation with child psychologists.

"Everything is educational, but what are kids actually learning?" says Dr. Susan Linn, psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School and director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

"Children learn the most from hands-on creative play and from interacting with adults who care about them, so parents should approach toys that claim to be educational with healthy cynicism," says the academic who led CCFC's victorious campaign against Baby Einstein's unsubstantiated claims that babies learn from its DVDs.

"They should ask themselves: Is this toy encouraging my child to be creative? Does it require my child to actively do things? Can it be used in more than one way? Toys that talk, sing or dance at the push of a button are pretty useless for kids."

"The kind of toys kids need are 90 per cent kid and 10 per cent toy, not where the toy determines what you do," says Golinkoff. "That's why children are more fascinated by the box the toy comes in than the toy, because the box has a million possibilities and the toy has one."

THINKSTOCK

▶ Kids learn most from — and love — toys that let them play properly.

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DR. ROBERTA GOLINKOFF

Children learn most from toys that offer multiple possibilities and allow kids to express their creativity including art and craft projects, puzzles and games, dress-up outfits, role-play toys and building blocks.

This holiday, place a large appliance box in the middle of your living room, suggests Golinkoff.

"Parents will be shocked by how much their children age seven or under will love that box because it frees up their imagination — it can be a boat, spaceship or house, and they can colour it, cut bits out, paste things on it. Kids love this.

"Parents feel like if they don't buy expensive toys with batteries that they're failing their children but it's the exact opposite. You want the kid to be in charge and not the toy."

Slow toys

This season UK toy wholesaler Asobi launched a 'Slow Toy' list of fun, interactive, battery-free toys in response to the UK Toy Retailers' Association's top 12 toys of 2011, which included the daft Doggie Doo: a plastic dog that poos.

New rules will make built-in child car seats conform to changed size limits. Scan code for story.

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Have some fun with tuna

Eating from a can is boring ▶ Making tacos is a simple, tasty solution

CLOVER LEAF

▶ This recipe serves two.

Try these easy tuna tacos for dinner or lunch. Having the flavour right in the tuna helps bring this meal together fast. Serve it up with a crunchy green salad to round out the meal.

Preparation:

1. Toast taco shells for 20 to 30 seconds in toaster oven or in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 1 minute.
2. In a small skillet, heat tuna over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and stir in half of the sour cream.
3. Divide some of the tuna mixture among each taco shell and top with lettuce, tomato and remaining sour cream. Garnish with lime wedges.

CLOVER LEAF/ THIS RECIPE WAS ADAPTED FOR METRO BY EMILY RICHARDS, A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

Ingredients:

- 4 taco shells
- 3 cans (85 g each) flaked light tuna (spicy thai chili)
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) sour cream
- 250 mL (1 cup) shredded iceberg lettuce
- 1 tomato, diced
- 2 lime wedges

Rose Reisman's Swap It

When things get busy for you, it can be quick and convenient to toss a Lunch Mate into your child's school bag. But beware, some Lunch Mates are healthier than others.

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PAINTING A CLEAR PATH FOR YOUR RECYCLING

What's the best way to clean used paint brushes? And how do I get rid of old paint? ***Sandy of Halifax, NS***

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If you're using low- or no-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint, clean up is easy. Latex paints are water based, so brushes come clean with a little eco-friendly dish soap and water. Oil-based or alkyd options will require paint thinner. If you're dealing with the latter, check hardware stores for less toxic thinners that contain citrus oil-based solvents. If you're doing a multi-day job, don't wash your brushes or rollers at the end of each day. Wrap them in a plastic bag. They'll be fine until the next day. Stopping for longer than a day? Store the sealed plastic bag in the freezer for a week or two.

Never dispose of half-used paint cans in your household garbage where they could end up contaminating soil and waterways. Donate leftovers to a local paint exchange program. Recovery depots across Canada take deck paint, primers, wood stains, oils and varnishes. Most, but not all, also accept empty paint cans.

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Drawing on plenty of inspiration

In the game of life, artist Jeff Morrison holds all the cards Now he's using his skills to support others

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TURNING POINT

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It was the last dive of the day, and as Jeff Morrison hit the water he crashed to the bottom of the pool striking his head.

He knew immediately that he couldn't move. He was a quadriplegic and Morrison's life would never be the same again.

After rehab, Morrison began working towards a business degree, but his heart wasn't in it. One day, he forced a Bic ball point pen into his hand and started to draw.

"That little drawing was my turning point and it ignited my life. I was still in my wheelchair but the possibilities of what I could do thrilled me."

Successful art shows around the world — including New York and Paris — followed and he developed a line of Christmas cards with the proceeds going to charity.

Now he's following another passion: music. He and partner Tim Hawkes recently recorded a CD and their new downloadable song, I Heard the Bells of Christmas, will help the Grandview Children's Center in Southern Ontario.

Jeff's optimism continues to shine through.

"Never give up. I've come this far and I'm not going to turn back now."

Giving back

Success by the numbers

- 200,000 Christmas cards over the past 16 years
- $100,000 donated to charity
- 10 designs
- 12 charities
- Download I Heard the Bells of Christmas in aid of the Grandview Children's Centre.
- Visit veryspecialcards.com

Morrison moments

- We're stronger as a group than we are on our own. We have to help each other.
- When you come to a barrier you can say, "This is the end of the line". Or you can try to find a way around it. I say, "Just find a way."
- Follow your dream. You may not make it to the top of the mountain but aim high and work hard.
- Life is good. It's a miraculous, mysterious gift.

▶ Jeff Morrison is an artist, philanthropist, musician and spinal cord injury survivor.

Espresso-ing concern

BOOK REVIEW

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Greed has never served anyone well, and in the case of businesses it breeds overconfidence, entitlement and a sense of invincibility.

Case in point: Starbucks. In his book Onward, Starbuck's CEO Howard Schultz lays out the factors that led the company astray in the years 2000 to 2007.

Howard describes the damage as being "slow and quiet" and says, "Obsessed with growth, we took our eye off operations and became distracted from the core of the business". These errors in operation additionally came at the most imperfect of times as the company headed straight into a recession.

Having stepped down as CEO in 2000 to assume the role of Chairman, Schultz returned as CEO in January 2008. Onward is the story of what happened next.

Many people will recall the news in February 2008, when Starbucks made an unprecedented move to close all of their stores for one full day of training. An action that was unprecedented for any company.

Each of the 7100 U.S. stores had a note on the door reading "We're taking time to perfect our espresso. Great espresso requires practice. That's why we're dedicating ourselves to honing our craft."

Espresso after all is what Schultz fell in love with when he started in the business.

"Pouring espresso is an art," he states. "One that requires the barista to care about the quality of the beverage."

Schultz passion for his business is clear, sometimes to a fault as many senior Starbucks partners can attest to when listening to Schultz speak from the heart.

Stock price, earnings, shareholder confidence and store openings were all positive. But Schultz was right, the company had lost its way, or more pertinently, its soul.

For many of us, myself included, Starbucks is a part of our daily lives.

Onward is Schultz's commitment to staying in our lives and continuing to be that special 'third place' away from home and work.

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Grey Cup just out of reach

Lions hold off Blue Bombers' spirited late comeback to win championship at home in B.C.

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▶ Blue Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce is taken down by Lions defensive back Tad Kornegay, left, and linebacker Solomon Elimimian during third quarter of the 99th CFL Grey Cup at B.C. Place Stadium in Vancouver last night.

LIONS	BOMBERS
34	23

They opened the season with a whimper, but Travis Lulay and the B.C. Lions ended it with a bang.

Grey Cup MVP Travis Lulay threw two second-half touchdown passes to lead B.C. to an exciting 34-23 Grey Cup win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers last night. The victory, before an ear-splitting BC Place sellout of 54,313, capped a stunning turnaround for the Lions, who opened the season 0-5.

B.C. became the first team in CFL history to win the Grey Cup after losing its first five regular-season games. B.C. also became the first squad since the 1994 Lions to capture the league title at home.

The '72 Hamilton Tiger-Cats and '77 Montreal Alouettes are the other teams to accomplish that feat.

Lions tailback Andrew Harris, a Winnipeg native, was named the top Canadian. Harris scored the game's first touchdown, and was counted on to help eat the clock in the game's dying minutes.

"I'm just so happy that (Lions coach Wally Buono) has that faith in me, giving me the ball in crucial moments to get first downs," Harris said. "It's a great feeling when your coach has confidence in you and trusts you."

Lulay's 66-yard TD strike to Kierrie Johnson on the final play of the third quarter put B.C. ahead 24-9. It was the first touchdown catch of Johnson's career.

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The loss was a bitter pill to swallow for defensive tackle Doug Brown, who was appearing in his final game after 11 seasons with the bombers.

But the game's turning point came with 12:21 left to play.

Lulay tried to throw a screen pass inside the B.C. 30-yard line, but Winnipeg end Odell Willis got his hands on the ball and had a clear path to the end zone. Willis couldn't hang on, and the Lions dodged a huge bullet.

"I just didn't make the play, that's all," Willis said.

B.C. then marched downfield and capped an 82-yard drive at 8:10 of the fourth, as Lulay found Arland Bruce III on a six-yard TD strike to give B.C. a commanding 31-9 advantage.

"We just didn't start well enough. They came out on fire and we didn't respond."

BOMBERS QUARTERBACK BUCK PIERCE

Winnipeg made it interesting with two late Buck Pierce TD passes. He hit Greg Carr on a 45-yard touchdown strike at 11:22, then found Terrence Edwards on a 13-yard scoring pass with 1:37 remaining to make it 31-22. That TD was set up by Jovon Johnson's 47-yard punt return that was further aided by a B.C. facemask penalty called on B.C. kicker Paul McCallum.

Winnipeg's onside kickoff attempt didn't go the mandatory 10 yards, giving B.C. the ball with 1:36 remaining.

"We had too many two and outs and they had short field goals instead of long ones," Pierce said. "Our defence had to stay on the field too long."

Winnipeg's late rally came after a stellar performance by B.C.'s defence, which had effectively shut down the Bombers' ground game and forced the East Division champions to the air. That seemed to favour the Lions, considering the Bombers had the CFL's second-worst passing attack and had to play catch up against a B.C. defence that surrendered a league-low 21.4 points per game.

But it wasn't enough to prevent the extension of Winnipeg's Grey Cup drought to 22 years, their last title coming in 1990.

"If the offence was struggling, the defence is supposed to pick them up and we didn't do a good enough job of that," Jovon Johnson said. "We didn't do a good enough job of flipping the field. They had field position the whole first half."

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Quoted

"We are thrilled that a tentative agreement has been reached and are looking forward to getting back to work and playing basketball."

DWYANE WADE. WADE AND OTHER NBA STARS, INCLUDING LEBRON JAMES, HAVE CANCELLED THEIR HOMECOMING TOUR. THE FOUR-CITY TOUR WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN IN JAMES' HOMETOWN OF AKRON, OHIO, ON DEC. 1, BUT THAT GAME AND THREE OTHERS HAVE BEEN SCRAPPED NOW THAT THE LEAGUE AND ITS PLAYERS HAVE A TENTATIVE LABOUR AGREEMENT.

Twitter timeline

A selection of tweets showing fans' reactions to last night's game

5:32 P.M. @SARAH_MILLAR:
What, the officials don't get to run out on the field in a burst of fog? Whatever, Grey Cup, whatever.

Winnipeg kicks off

5:43 P.M. @MUNILOT:
44 yard kickoff return to start the Grey Cup. The NFL is missing kickoffs

5:57 P.M. @SIR_EARL:
I only watch the Grey Cup for the commercials. Looking forward to Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons. #GC99

8:27 first quarter: Andrew Harris runs in TD, 7-0 B.C.

6:19 P.M. @MACPHERSONGAZ:
A rouge. It's officially a Grey Cup game.

11:34 first quarter: Paul McCallum kicks field goal, 10-0 B.C.

6:38 P.M. @ KATHERINEMDOW:
Well the Bombers have been slow starters all season. Why change it up now? #99gc #gobombersgo

14:34 first quarter: Rouge for B.C., 11-0.

6:50 P.M. @SIMIANFARMER:
I hope the Bombers show up to the Grey Cup game soon. Maybe their bus is late and they'll make it for the second half.

10:28 second quarter: B.C. field goal, 14-0.

7:06 P.M. @GAMETIMEART:
Bombers could have used 7.. get 3... All things considered a nice end to a bad half of football for them. #CFL #GC99

12:24, 14:30 second quarter: Justin Palardy kicks two field goals for Winnipeg, 14-6.

7:14 P.M. @ALEXROBINSONTV:
The Grey Cup Half-Time show: Best viewed with mute on.

4:50 third quarter: Winnipeg field goal, 14-9.

7:35 P.M. @TENACIOUSTBEK:
My money is on Lui Passaglia to be a factor in this Grey Cup. Bet it. #lions

8:01 P.M. @TYLERJDYCK:
At this point, the BC Lions do not deserve to win the 99th Grey Cup. They're playing horribly out there.

12:16 third quarter: B.C. field goal, 17-9.

8:19 P.M. @WANYEGRETZ:
Part of me is waiting for Luongo to find a way to lose this for Vancouver #greycup

14:53 third quarter: Travis Lulay throws TD pass to Kierrie Johnson, 24-9.

8:21 P.M. @JNDYCK:
Weeping into my beer. Bombers! Don't give up!

8:33 P.M. @DAEGANF:
The Lions are Bruinsing the Bombers.

8:10 fourth quarter: Lulay to Arland Bruce, 31-9.

8:52 P.M. @HIPCHI99:
Oh my goodness, we've got a game. TD #Bombers! #99GC

11:22 fourth quarter: Buck Pierce to Greg Carr, 31-16.

9:03 P.M. @MAYORGREGOR:
Signed Sealed Delivered - BC Lions are Grey Cup champs!

13:23: Pierce to Terrence Edwards, 31-23.

14:02: B.C. FG, 34-23.

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▶ Bombers QB Buck Pierce loses his helmet after being hit by B.C.'s Korey Banks.

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▶ Arland Bruce and Andrew Harris celebrate Bruce's fourth-quarter touchdown.

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▶ Lions receiver Arland Bruce grabs the face mask of, and deflects a pass to, Bombers defensive back Jovon Johnson.

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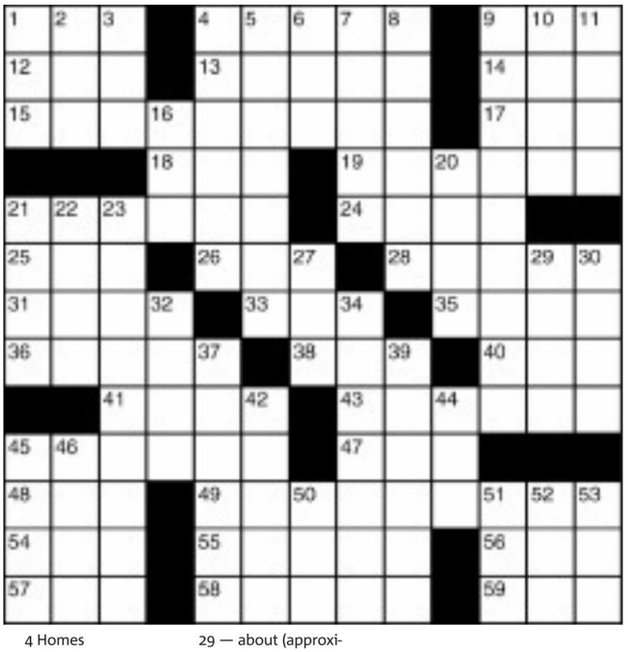
▶ Lions linebacker Anton McKenzie intercepts a pass intended for Bombers slotback Terrence Edwards.

Crossword



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17 Biz deg.
18 Commercials
19 Quartz variety
21 Baked potato's skin
24 Liniment target
25 Swelled head
26 Stitch
28 Esteem
31 Simple arithmetic
33 Sinbad's bird
35 — St. Vincent Millay
36 Come to a point
38 Bankroll
40 Charged bit
41 Brewery products
43 New Jersey airport
45 OK for dieters
47 Parisian pal
48 Boxer Muhammad
49 ENIAC and its successors
54 Life story, for short
55 Judge, at times
56 Caustic solution
57 Male offspring
58 Logic
59 Doctor's due

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1 Buddy
2 Altar affirmative
3 Cruise or Selleck
4 Homes
5 Dr. Frankenstein's creation
6 Female sheep
7 Martial arts mercenary
8 Remove (from)
9 Digests of a sort
10 Movie pig
11 Celebrity
16 Neighbor of Afgh.
20 Oxford, e.g.
21 Make jokes
22 Water (Sp.)
23 Chum
27 "Holy moley!"
29 — about (approximately)
30 Hierarchy level
32 Narcissist's love
34 Finger food
37 Does a double-take
39 Coy
42 Emporium
44 Humor
45 Apprehends
46 Hodgepodge
50 60 sec.
51 Sprite
52 "Catcher in the —"
53 Witness

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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6	9	1	7	5	8	4	2	3
4	2	8	6	1	3	9	7	5
3	1	5	4	8	7	6	9	2
8	6	9	5	2	1	7	3	4
7	4	2	3	6	9	5	8	1

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my boy
A special smile a special face
A special someone no one can replace I love you and always will You have filled a space no one could fill
FROM DAISY

Sunshine Aura
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FROM MOON BEAMS

My KyeKye
i love you, your amazing and make me very happy I am so thankful to have someone like you in my life <3 you mean a lot to me and I just thought you should know. xox <3
FROM SHAY

A look at the weather

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Min -6° Max 3°	Min -9° Max 1°	Min -3° Max 2°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 5:30 A.M.**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Although a lot of the time you don't take life too seriously, today something will strike you as of life or death importance. It isn't, so stop worrying.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Anyone who doubts your ambition is about to learn just how tough a Taurus can be.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will need to trust someone else's judgment today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't do everything at the last minute.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You won't hesitate to throw your weight around a bit if you think it will bring you the things you desire.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You must listen carefully to both sides of the story you are currently being told.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Seek out people who know how to get the best out of life, who know how to have fun.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 No matter how far you may be behind in your schedule you can still get everything done that has to be done.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may think that nothing is beyond you and no doubt you are right

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Your problem? You think too much!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Times are good and about to get even better and those who say you should be cautious must be ignored.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. At some stage this week you are going to have to choose which is the more important to you: your private life or your career.

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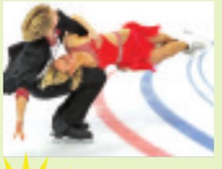

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